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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT

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Procurement of Buses for Project

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REFERENCES

- (a) Memorandum from Director of Training to
 Deputy Director (Administration), subject as
 above, dated 29 April 1954, with comment
 added by the Acting Comptroller. (Enclosure 1.)
- (b) Memorandum from Asst. General Counsel to Deputy Director (Administration), subject as above, dated 20 May 1954, (enclosure 2).
- 1. The attached request from the Director of Training for approval of the purchase of two buses for use at a has been reviewed and is forwarded for necessary action.
- 2. Additional information with regard to the 35-passenger bus referred to in paragraph 1, reference (a), is attached as enclosure 3.
- 3. A review of the information contained in paragraphs 3 and 4, reference (a), the study referred to therein, and additional information received informally from representatives of the Office of Training familiar with activities at indicates that the 35-passenger bus presently in use is not being utilized to anywhere near maximum efficiency, and cannot be so utilized due to the increasingly diversified nature and number of activities being conducted at the installation.
- 4. Information made available to this Office indicates that, in view of anticipated increases in activity at a request for an increase in the number of staff cars is also being considered.

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- 5. With regard to the use of the 35-passenger bus at headquarters, as indicated in paragraph 6, reference (a), it is desired to make clear that, although certain use could be made of the vehicle in question, this Office has no specific requirement for such a vehicle and could not justify the original purchase of a bus of this type.
- 6. The approximate cost of \$4,500.00 each for 16 to 18 passenger buses, as indicated in paragraph 5, reference (a), appears to be unusually high. The five new 24 passenger Ford buses recently purchased locally through GSA cost only \$3,091.16 each.

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- 7. Subject to a final determination as to the necessity for the provision of such transportation, as indicated in paragraph 3 of the opinion of the Assistant General Counsel (enclosure 2), it is recommended that:
 - a. Approval be granted for the purchase, from unvouchered funds, of the two vehicles as requested by the Director of Training.
 - b. The Director of Training be requested to reaffirm the estimated cost of the two new buses and to exercise every effort to acquire them at the lowest possible cost to the Government.
 - c. This Office be authorized to determine, in coordination with appropriate Agency officials, and subject to your approval, the eventual disposition of the 35-passenger bus presently being used

d. The Director of Training be requested to consider holding in abeyance any further action with regard to increasing the number of staff cars until the two buses requested by this action are received and put in operation for a reasonable period of time.

e. This Office be authorized to arrange, subject to the approval of the Director of Training, for a survey of the vehicular support requirements after some experience with the new buses has been gained.

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Acting Chief of Logistics

3 Enclosures:

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1 - Memo fr DTR to DD/A (Ref (a))

2 - Memo fr Asst Gen Counsel to DD/A (Ref (b))

3 - Info re 35-passenger bus

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